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Office of the Director

June 1, 1955

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As a part of our communications mobilization planning, we have completed an analysis of some of the steps that might be taken to minimize the vulnerability of our strategic overseas radio circuits in the event of intentional enemy jamming.

Present plans of the Department of Defense for forward emitter radio systems across the Atlantic scheduled for completion this year, the new Trans-Atlantic telephone cable to be completed next year, and the present multi-routes of high frequency radio systems should afford us a relatively secure system.

In conjunction with representatives of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Communications Commission and this Office, a staff study has been prepared outlining appropriate measures that might be taken to minimize the vulnerability of our Trans-Pacific services. Attached is a copy of the study, in which I concur. Subject to your comments and those of the heads of the other agencies mentioned above, we plan to start exploratory discussions with the telephone and telegraph companies to determine the practicability of a modern telephone-telegraph-type cable between San Francisco and Honolulu for service late in 1957 or early 1958.

Since the timing of this project is of utmost importance, I should like to have your views not later than July 1, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

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Arthur S. Fleming
Director

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